

## Exhibit D

## LEASE MODIFICATION

LEASE # 26760

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**THIS AGREEMENT**, Made and entered into this 29 day of January, 2009, by and between Hilda Bentz, widow, whose address is 1387 National Road Room 305, Wheeling, WV 26003 parties of the first part, hereinafter called "Lessors", and **CHESAPEAKE APPALACHIA, L.L.C.**, an Oklahoma limited liability company, the surviving entity of the merger with Columbia Natural Resources, LLC (formerly known as Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.) of 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia 25302, part of the second part, hereinafter called "Sublessee" as acknowledged and agreed by Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C., hereinafter called "Sublessor";

**WITNESSETH:**

**THAT WHEREAS**, by agreement dated August 10, 1960, Cora Gosney and H.M. Gosney, her husband; O.L. Bruhn and Nola Bruhn, his wife; Dora W. Wagner, widow granted to The Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, predecessor in title to Sublessor, as lessee thereunder, an oil and gas lease covering a tract of land containing 156 acres, more or less, situated in Liberty District, Marshall County, West Virginia, and recorded in the Clerk of the County Commission in Book 342 at Page 268; and

**WHEREAS**, said agreement dated August 10, 1960, was modified by agreement dated n/a by n/a and n/a, predecessor in title to Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C., to provide for the production and storage of natural gas, and recorded in the Clerk of County Commission of n/a County in Book n/a at Page n/a, hereinafter the "Lease" as modified; and

**WHEREAS**, by sublease agreement dated September 2, 2004 and recorded in the Offices of the Clerks of the County Commissions of Marshall and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia in Deed Book 642, at page 281 and Book 84-A, at page 129 respectively, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (predecessor in title to Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C.) granted to Columbia Natural Resources, LLC (predecessor in title to Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.), all rights necessary for the PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS in all formations EXCEPT the interval from 250 feet above the top of the Greenbrier Limestone (inclusive of all Maxon sands) to 50 feet below the base of the Pocono Big Injun formation being reserved or operated for storage, hereinafter the "Sublease" and which Sublease has been modified and amended by that certain agreement dated June 1, 2007, and effected as stated therein (the "Sublease Agreement");

**WHEREAS**, Lessors are now the owners of the oil and gas rights underlying the land covered by said Lease that is situated in Liberty District, Marshall County, West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Lessors and Sublessee, for their mutual benefit, with the consent of Sublessor, desire to amend and modify said Lease agreement in order to facilitate the formation of drilling units.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid by the Sublessee to Lessors, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants hereinafter contained, Lessors and Sublessee hereby supplement and modify to said Lease as follows, to-wit:

**DELAY IN MARKETING:** In the event that Sublessee does not market producible gas, oil or their constituents from the Leasehold, or lands pooled/unitized therewith, Sublessee may continue to pay Delay Rental at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre annually until such time as marketing is established, or until the end of the Sublease term, as it relates to the acreage described herein, if marketing is not established by that time.

**UNITIZATION:** Lessors grant Sublessee the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or any part of the Leasehold with any other land, leased or unleased, whether owned by Sublessee or others, to create drilling or production units either by contract right or pursuant to governmental authorization. In the event of the unitization of the whole or any part of the Leasehold, Sublessee shall, either before or after the completion of a well, record a copy of its unit operation designation in the county in which the Leasehold is located. Sublessee is granted the right to change the size, shape, and conditions of operation of any unit created, without the consent of the Lessors. As to such a unit, Lessors agree to accept and receive out of the production and proceeds from the production of such unit, such proportional share of the royalty from each unit well as the number of acres in the Leasehold which may be included from time to time in the unit bears to the total number of acres in the unit. Otherwise, the drilling, operations for drilling or any operations in preparation for drilling, or any production from a well on such a unit shall have the same effect upon the terms of this Lease, as amended and modified hereby, as if the operations or well were on the Leasehold itself, except for the FREE GAS clause, of which the Lessor acknowledges is hereby expressly released and terminated by this Lease Modification.

**SHUT IN:** In the event that production of oil, gas, or their constituents is interrupted and not marketed for a period of six months, and there is no production well on the Leasehold, or lands pooled/unitized therewith, Sublessee may thereafter, as Royalty for constructive production, pay a Shut-in Royalty equal in amount and frequency to the Delay Rental until such time as production is re-established and said payment shall maintain the above-referenced lease and modification in full force and effect to the same extent as payment of Royalty. During Shut-in, Sublessee shall have the right to rework, stimulate, or deepen any well on the Leasehold or drill a new well on the Leasehold in an effort to re-establish production, whether from an original producing formation or from a different formation. In the event that the production from the only producing well on the Leasehold is interrupted for a period of less than six months, the above-referenced Lease and Modification shall remain in full force and effect without payment of Royalty or Shut-in Royalty.

**SUBLESSEE** shall have the right to perform geophysical studies through the use of seismic research and other means and methods not restricted to current technology.

LESSOR ratifies the aforesaid Lease dated August 10, 1960 and modification agreement dated January 29, 2009, as hereby amended and modified, and acknowledges that it is a valid and subsisting Lease and shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms and tenor thereof unless otherwise specifically amended hereby.

This agreement extends to and is binding upon the parties hereto, their respective heirs, successors, administrators, executors and assigns.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals all as of the day and year above first written.

x Hilda Bentz  
Hilda Bentz

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COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, L.L.C.

By: Sheree L. Parks Downey  
Its: Sheree L. Parks Downey  
Director, Asset Management

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF West Virginia

COUNTY OF Marshall, to-wit:

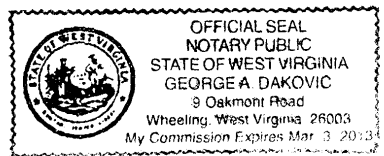
On this the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public, came Hilda Bentz, ~~widow~~ to me known (or to be satisfactorily proven) to be the individual(s) described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained.

In witness thereof, I hereto set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires on: March 3, 2013

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA }  
COUNTY OF KANAWHA } ss.



On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2009, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Hilda Bentz personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

George A. Dakovic  
Notary Public

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, to-wit:

On this the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a  
 Notary Public, came \_\_\_\_\_ to me known (or to be satisfactorily proven)  
 to be the individual(s) described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and  
 acknowledged that they executed the same for the purpose therein contained.

In witness thereof, I hereto set my hand and official seal.

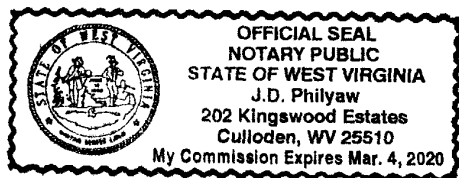
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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA }  
 } ss.  
 COUNTY OF KANAWHA }

On the 20 day of December, in the year 2010 before me, the  
 undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared  
Shere Parks Dorney personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of  
 satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is(are) subscribed to the within  
 instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their  
 capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the  
 person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

J. D. Philyaw  
 Notary Public  
 My commission expires on: 3/4/2020



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MARSHALL COUNTY, SCT.:

I, JAN PEST, Clerk of the County Commission of said County, do hereby certify that the annexed writing, bearing  
 date on the 29th day of January, 2009, was presented for and by me, admitted to record in my office upon the  
 above certificate as to the parties therein named this 12th day of January, 2011 at 2:29 o'clock P.M.

TESTE: Jan Pest Clerk.